

NATIONAL/REGIONAL CRIME COMPARISON

Note that the following tables are based on information from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports and the latest available data available for comparison was from 2003.

2003 CRIMES IN CITIES OF 94,000-106,000 RESIDENTS, NATIONWIDE

<i>City</i>	<i>Murder</i>	<i>Rape</i>	<i>Robbery</i>	<i>Assault</i>	<i>Burglary</i>	<i>Larceny</i>	<i>Auto Theft</i>	<i>Total</i>
Macon, GA	18	46	229	354	1,881	6,181	1,010	9,719
Berkeley, CA	6	16	402	502	1,245	6,217	1,233	9,621
Wichita Falls, KS	8	49	199	826	1,719	5,208	580	8,589
Davenport, IA	5	59	242	895	1,401	5,162	388	8,152
Richmond, CA	38	50	482	508	1,102	3,470	2,452	8,102
Everett, WA	2	77	168	299	981	3,846	1,579	6,952
Gresham, OR	0	67	154	260	955	3,941	1,165	6,542
Athens-Clarke County, GA	9	52	139	187	1,076	4,612	396	6,471
Pueblo, CO	6	38	175	598	1,241	3,928	402	6,388
Allentown, PA	12	51	359	219	1,111	3,851	692	6,295
Dearborn, MI	0	13	144	942	525	3,257	1,316	6,197
Clarksville, TN	2	45	102	487	1,058	4,167	219	6,080
Gary, IN	68	71	391	267	1,662	2,373	1,237	6,069
Gainesville, FL	5	55	197	747	1,208	3,370	471	6,053
Portsmouth, VA	18	43	403	437	1,179	3,323	500	5,903
Charleston, SC	15	33	245	586	888	3,572	562	5,901
Fairfield, CA	12	36	177	396	660	3,394	698	5,373
El Cajon, CA	5	43	154	354	887	2,300	1,152	4,895
Midland, TX	2	39	74	395	941	2,925	171	4,547
Ventura, CA	3	21	96	141	764	2,855	349	4,229
Boulder, CO	0	52	37	125	549	3,184	197	4,144
Cambridge, MA	3	7	229	274	651	2,389	410	3,963
Lowell, MA	2	45	146	673	626	1,737	716	3,945
Arvada, CO	3	18	49	108	586	2,746	399	3,909
South Gate, CA	9	14	289	272	590	1,278	1,424	3,876
Richardson, TX	1	16	101	123	698	2,593	328	3,860
Woodbridge Township, NJ	4	17	72	255	643	2,259	373	3,623
Erie, PA	3	70	191	183	725	2,284	125	3,581
New Bedford,	11	104	234	330	945	1,187	534	3,345
Santa Clara, CA	7	25	48	173	420	2,244	342	3,259
Burbank, CA	3	15	69	196	500	1,728	466	2,977
Edison Township, NJ	1	11	115	158	465	1,755	413	2,918
Livonia, MI	0	13	56	116	389	1,846	271	2,691
Daly City, CA	0	24	154	166	242	1,490	440	2,516
Vacaville,	0	24	71	177	313	1,590	249	2,424
Cary, NC	0	17	36	56	397	1,717	130	2,353
Mission Viejo, CA	1	4	25	84	244	1,136	88	1,582

Average	8	37	174	348	850	3,003	635	5,055
Cambridge, MA	3	7	229	274	651	2,389	410	3,963

In 2003, Cambridge ranked below the nationwide *average* for all but one of the index crimes (robbery). Overall, the total number of serious crimes in Cambridge ranked 22% lower than the national average of similarly sized cities. Again, statistics for 2003 are the latest available from cities of similar size to Cambridge for comparative analysis.

How Cambridge Compares Nationally in 2003:

- ↓ **Murder:** 63% lower than the national average.
- ↓ **Rape:** 81% lower than the national average, continuing the downward trend, which began in 1998.
- ↑ **Robbery:** 32% higher than the national average, likely resulting from the close proximity of Cambridge to other large cities.
- ↓ **Assault:** 20% below the national average.
- ↓ **Burglary:** 21% below the national average, continuing the downward trend, which began in the early 1980s.
- ↓ **Larceny:** 20% below the national average. Larceny typically accounts for the highest percentage of index crimes in Cambridge but traditionally reports lower numbers than the national average.
- ↓ **Auto Theft:** 35% lower than the national average.

2003 TOTAL NUMBER AND RATE OF CRIMES IN SELECT MASSACHUSETTS CITIES AND TOWNS

<i>City</i>	<i>Population</i>	<i>Murder</i>	<i>Rape</i>	<i>Robbery</i>	<i>Assault</i>	<i>Burglary</i>	<i>Larceny</i>	<i>Auto Theft</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Total Rate*</i>
Fall River	92,741	3	77	270	717	1,260	1,664	553	4,544	4,900
Brockton	95,519	10	44	231	N/A ¹	665	2,327	1,085	4,362	4,567
Lynn	89,669	1	9	205	896	467	1,717	741	4,036	4,501
Chicopee	54,881	1	28	74	297	502	1,199	296	2,397	4,368
Lawrence	72,514	8	26	153	262	467	831	1,209	2,956	4,076
Cambridge	101,896	3	7	229	274	651	2,389	410	3,963	3,889
Lowell	104,995	2	45	146	673	626	1,737	716	3,945	3,757
New Bedford	94,170	11	104	234	330	945	1,187	534	3,345	3,552
Haverhill	59,686	1	41	49	235	711	648	324	2,009	3,366
Somerville	76,989	0	11	98	149	378	908	521	2,065	2,682
Framingham	66,885	1	17	36	119	305	1,038	187	1,703	2,546
Quincy	89,265	1	15	97	203	334	1,041	155	1,846	2,068
Brookline	57,082	1	4	52	117	200	593	108	1,075	1,883
Waltham	59,125	2	11	20	67	116	601	98	915	1,548
Newton	83,953	0	5	23	71	145	739	32	1,015	1,209
Average	79,958	3	30	128	315	518	1,241	465	2,678	3,261
Cambridge	101,896	3	7	229	274	651	2,389	410	3,963	3,889

*Rate is calculated per 100,000 residents.

*Statistics for 2003 for select Massachusetts cities are the latest available for comparative analysis with Cambridge.

¹ Note that assault statistics for the City of Brockton were unavailable.

There were approximately 3,889 crimes per 100,000 residents in Cambridge. Note that this number does not reflect the increased daytime population, which exceeds 250,000 people on any given day.